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New Hampton by Hilton hotel opens in Westhill

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Mike Johnstone, general manager at Hampton by Hilton Aberdeen Westhill, and Sandra Brooks, general manager at Hampton by Hilton Aberdeen Airport

The second of two new Hampton by Hilton hotels in the north-east is officially open for business.

Global hospitality industry giant Hilton's latest development in the region is in Straik Road, Westhill, where 60 jobs have been created.

The Aberdeenshire town's new 173-room hotel is part of a £34million-plus investment, creating more than 100 jobs, which saw a 155-bedroom Hampton by Hilton open near Aberdeen Airport in February.

Speaking at yesterday's official opening in Westhill, general manager Mike Johnstone said: "We are delighted to be expanding the presence of Hampton by Hilton.

"Guests will arrive to a bright welcome from the team, as well as comfortable and modern accommodations."

The two new north-east hotels have joined a brand portfolio of more than 2,000 hotels across 17 countries.

They are the result of an investment by international property developer Bricks Capital which adds more than 300 rooms to an increasingly competitive hotel market in and around Aberdeen.

It takes Bricks' investment in Scottish properties to date to £100million.

Bricks, with offices in Hong Kong, London, Manchester and Glasgow, is helping the US-based Hilton group grow its Hampton brand in the UK.

They hope investment in the north-east will pay off when the local economy picks up.

The builder for both new hotels is Robertson Construction Eastern (RCE), part of Elgin and Stirling-based Robertson Construction Group.

Hilton's other brands include Hilton Hotels and Resorts, Doubletree by Hilton, Hilton Garden Inn and Waldorf Astoria Hotels and Resorts.